

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to therapeutic protocols and pharmaceutical compositions designed to target HBx mediated activation of Src kinase, members of the Src tyrosine kinase family and components of the Src kinase family signal transduction pathways for the treatment of HBV infection and related disorders and diseases, such as HCC. The invention further relates to pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of HBV infection targeted to HBx and its essential activities required to sustain HBV replication.

The invention is based, in part, on the Applicants' discovery that activation of Src kinase signaling cascades play a fundamental role in mammalian hepadnavirus replication. Applicants have demonstrated that HBx mediates activation of the Src family of kinases and that this activation is a critical function provided by HBx for mammalian hepadnavirus replication.

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